



Wequaquet Lake

BARNSTABLE

654 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

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General Information:

This huge, 654 acre warm water lake, also known as Chequaquet Lake or Great Nine Mile Pond, has multiple basins, an average depth of 14 feet and a maximum depth of 32 feet. Transparency is exceptional, extending to 26 feet. The bottom is composed primarily of sand. There is little cover and aquatic vegetation is scant. The shoreline is heavily (90%) developed with cottages and year-round homes.

The lake is located in the pocket formed by Routes 28, 132 and 6, and is situated less than a mile south of Route 6. Boat access is provided by a town-owned, paved ramp located off Shootflying Hill Road. Shoreline fishing is limited to the area around the boat launching facility. Expect heavy recreational use of this lake during the summer, with boating and swimming being the most popular activities.

Fish Populations:

The lake was most recently surveyed in 1978, at which time nine species were recorded present: chain pickerel, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, golden shiner, white sucker, brown bullhead, banded killifish and alewife. The alewife population is sea-run, entering the lake via the Centerville River. The chain pickerel was the most abundant gamefish; the yellow perch the most abundant panfish. Northern pike have been stocked here periodically since 1978, most recently in 1989.

Fishing:

Although this is a popular lake for largemouth bass fishing, neither bass nor pickerel appear to be very numerous or of large average size. Best bet is probably yellow perch, which are abundant but also of small average size. The large amount of forage present indicates that this lake could support a put-grow-take fishery for northern pike; hence the MDFW has stocked a total of approximately 2,000 fingerlings here over the past decade. Some of these fish should have grown to considerable size by now, so it may be worthwhile to target them. Try trolling large plugs or casting large spoons with wire leaders in the spring.

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